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In re Application of: Egbert Classen et al
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Examiner: Brigitte R. Hammond
Title: CONNECTOR DEVICE FOR PRODUCING AN
ELECTRICAL CONNECTION BETWEEN A MAINS
CABLE AND A LOOM

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Response to Restriction Requirement

Dear Sir:

This communication responds to the Restriction Requirement dated April 2, 2009, having a response due date of May 2, 2009.

The Restriction Requirement alleges that there are two inventions in the following Groups of the claimed invention as follows:

- Group I, claim(s) 14-24, drawn to a connector device.
- Group II, claim(s) 25-26, drawn to a household appliance.

The Restriction Requirement alleges that there are two species of the invention as follows:

- Species 1, Figs. 1 - 3 and Species 2, Fig. 5.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 14 - 24 and Species 1, Figs. 1 - 3 with traverse, and respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement. Claims 14 - 24 are generic to both species.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn because of a lack of a serious burden. All of the claims in the present application are sufficiently related that searching and examining of all claims does not present a serious burden to the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this Restriction Requirement.

Should the Restriction Requirement be maintained and all of the elected claims are found to be in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder and allowance of all the claims under M.P.E.P. § 821.04.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this response, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted



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